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1. AMERICAN AND SWISS NATIONALS SEEKING INFORMATION ABOUT RELATIVES REMAINING IN VIET-NAM VISITED LAEM SING BOAT CAMP IN CHANTHABURI PROVINCE EARLY THIS WEEK. THERE THEY ENCOUNTERED GROUP OF 20-24 REFUGEES WHO DEPARTED HA TIEN IN MID-OCTOBER IN A SMALL BOAT WHICH WAS SLOWEST IN GROUP OF SIX DEPARTING AT SAME TIME. AS THEIR BOAT WAS FOLLOWING CAMBODIAN COAST WITH THE OTHERS WELL OUT IN FRONT, PASSENGERS BEGAN OBSERVING VIETNAMESE BODIES IN WATER, SOME WITH THROATS SLIT. AT ONE POINT THEY PASSED ONE OF THE SIX BOATS CONTAINING THREE BODIES, ALL WITH THROATS CUT. THEY HURRIED PAST IT, DISCOVERING WHEN THEY FINALLY REACHED THAILAND THAT NONE OF THE OTHER BOATS HAD ARRIVED.

2. REFUGEES ASSUME THAT CAMBODIANS MASSACRED ALL THE PEOPLE

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ON THE OTHER FIVE BOATS OR THAT SOME DROWNED AFTER

JUMPING OVERBOARD, ALTHOUGH THEY SAW NO CAMBODIANS. INFORMATION CORRESPONDS WITH THAT REPORTED REFTEL, WHICH EMBASSY APPRECIATED.
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